

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** This week in EYFS we have started our new topic of 'Spring'. The children have had lots of fun planting and growing in the role play area which has turned into a garden. In maths we have been shopping in the toy shop and using money to pay for our shopping. The children have been learning about each individual coin and their value and using these in their role play. In PE we have been working on our fitness by doing the exercises in time with the music from the 'sticky kids' CD. The children have also been working on a special surprise to give to all mums ready for Mother's Day.

**Year 1** We have done it! We have written an adapted version of the story - 'Finding Winnie'. In our effort to make new stories for the Y6 children to read, the whole of Y1 have written excellent pieces of fictional writing using all of the skills they have learnt over the last couple of weeks! Maybe they could explain to you the skills they have learnt? In Maths, both classes have re-engaged with their battle with addition & subtraction calculations. The adults within the phase have introduced a new method to explain/highlight/solve these tricky sums and the children have embraced it successfully (Part Part Whole Method)! In Science the children began an investigation as to identifying an animal who could live in a barn.... The only clue they had was a wall covered in birds muck! Watch this space as to what we discover!

**Year 2** The children have been creating their own experiments for plant growth in Science this week. They planted broad beans without soil to support their growth and will be observing them over the coming weeks to see how they might change and develop over time. We will be comparing this to the cress seeds they will be planting next week ready for some scrumptious egg and cress sandwiches to enjoy at the end of the term. Alongside Science the children have been creating and labelling their own map of the school. They have been geographical detectives exploring the school grounds to compare both physical and human features that are shown within our school and local location. Next week the children will then be thinking about where the best places within our school grounds would be if Mary was to plant her own secret garden.

**Year 3** This week we have been very busy in year 3. We have been doing a project based on an artist but we are unable to tell you more until after Sunday (It's a secret until then!). In Literacy we have continued with our work on Dick Whittington and comparing him with Sir Richard Whittington. Our Maths has been great! The children have been ordering three digit numbers and rounding them to the nearest ten or hundred. We are also continuing our work on times tables. Please continue to practise these at home.

**Year 4** In Year 4 we have been working hard to complete our Viking information reports. First we planned our own report on a 'boxing -up grid' and decided which sub-headings we wanted to include. They range from Viking fashions to Vicious Viking Raids. Next we researched our sections on the computer or using non-fiction books. Once we had this information we started writing and next week we will be editing and publishing a new non-fiction Viking book for the school library. In Maths we have been simplifying fractions to their lowest terms and dividing 3-digit numbers. We are also working hard to improve our Maths explanations and are getting much more confident convincing our teachers and friends how to solve different problems. We are enjoying working with a specialist football coach in our games lessons on Mondays and will be designing and painting our own Viking shields at the end of the week.

**Year 5** Year 5 had another brilliant week writing discussion texts about 'Should deforestation be allowed to continue?' and children have done a wonderful job with it. Miss Vickers and Mrs Khan are so proud of their efforts. In Maths, we have been learning to multiply 4-digit numbers by 1-digit number and carrying out problem solving investigations using this skill. In Topic, we have researched different biomes of planet Earth and wow, there is so much to learn about Planet Earth! From the extreme climates to rare plants and exotic animals species, it has made us think about our future and to look after our lovely Planet Earth.

**Year 6** This week in Year 6 we have been taught many new and exciting things. For example in Maths we have learnt how to translate and reflect polygons in a 4 quadrant graph using coordinates. This seemed quite challenging but once we had the gist and practiced it was a very easy task. We have also learnt in Maths how to calculate the remaining angle of a 360 degree shape and a 180 degree shape. Literacy has been even more fun as we have written our own newspaper article in pairs based on nursery rhymes and fairy tales. We have also learnt all the features of an article that is required. Our Guided Reading has been based on the extract "The Lost World" about 4 explorers discovering a new species of dinosaur in 1912. This week has been challenging but extremely educational and we cannot wait to see what next week brings! By Maya & Louis

**Music** Our Y3 pupils are having great fun learning about rhythm by seeing how the world famous group, STOMP, do it! We have been improvising our own rhythms using junk percussion and are getting really good at reading standard rhythm notation. Next week we have our Spring Concert featuring soloists, Biscuit Band and the Wednesday Boys; they have all been practising very hard! Final (named) letters have been sent out in the registers. If you haven't received yours, please email [music@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:music@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk). Tickets will be sent out on Friday 9th March.